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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Stewart COLE et al.)
Serial No. 09/673,476) Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: November 30, 2000) Examiner: A. Chakrabarti

For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF INTEREST FROM THE GENOME OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY, APPLICATION TO THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of July 1, 2002 (December 1, 2002, being a Sunday). A fee of \$1,440.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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